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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 and 2 (Canceled).

3 (New): A method for retrofitting a bucket including

a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and

a wire member including

first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,

a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and

a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,

the method including the steps of

(a) removing the gripping member;

(b) providing a replacement unit for the gripping member, the replacement unit including first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central section of the wire member by

(i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and

(ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that said first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe the central section,

each of said pieces including

- 1 (iii) at least one clip tab,
2 (iv) at least one opening formed to receive said clip tab on the other of said
3 pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said pieces snaps into said
4 opening, and
5 (v) an arcuate groove shaped to receive a portion of the central section of the
6 wire member; and,
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8 (c) mounting the replacement unit on the central section of the wire member by
9 (i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial
10 orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and
11 (ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece in a fixed position by moving
12 one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the
13 wire member such that
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15 said clip tab on each of said pieces each slide into one of said
16 openings on the other of said pieces and snap into said one of said
17 openings,
18 a portion of the central section nests in said arcuate groove, and
19 said first and second pieces circumscribe the central section.
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22 4. (New): In combination with a bucket, the bucket including
23 a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and
24 a wire member including
25 first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,
26 a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and
27 a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,
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1 the improvements for providing a handle for the wire member, said improvements including
2 first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central
3 section of the wire member by

4 (a) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation
5 that is identical to that of said second piece; and,

6 (b) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said pieces in a
7 direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that said
8 first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe the central section,
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10 each of said pieces including

11 (c) at least one clip tab extending outwardly from said piece;

12 (d) at least one opening extending completely through said piece and formed to receive
13 said clip tab on the other of said pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said
14 pieces snaps into said opening to hold said pieces fixedly together when one of said
15 first and second pieces is displaced in said direction of travel toward the other of
16 said first and second pieces and toward the central section of the wire member; and
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18 (e) an arcuate groove shaped to receive a portion of the central section of the wire
19 member such that said portion of the central section nests in said groove.
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